MHSOAC

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

Executive Director's Report
Sheri Whitt
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Organization of Report

- MHSA Programs
- MHSOAC Technical Resource Groups
- MHSOAC Staff Update





MHSA Programs

- The MHSA creates 7 programs
 - 4 Permanent Programs
 - Community Services & Support
 - Prevention & Early Intervention
 - Innovation program
 - State Administration
 - 3 Temporary Programs
 - Local Planning
 - Education & Training
 - Capital Facilities & Information Technology
 - Programs operate on 3-year cycles (first cycle 4.5 yrs)





Community Services & Supports

Purpose

To provide services to children, TAY, adults and older adults

- Culturally competent
- Developed in partnership with youth and their families
- Individualized to the strengths and needs of each child and their family
- Consistent with the philosophy, principles and practices of the Recovery Vision for mental health consumers

Funding

- Funding formula established by CMHDA and DMH, for local distribution amounts
- 52.25% years 1-4 ('07-08), 71.25% years 5 and later ('08-09)
- \$64 Million in one-time expansion funds released Information forthcoming in DMH report

Funds to date (funding summary to follow)



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January 23, 2008



Community Services & Supports

CSS Programs

- Statewide Programs
 - 1) Housing
 - Initial investment \$400 million; people hopeful will continue for many years
 - 2) Prudent Reserve: (funding summary to follow)
- County Programs
 - 1) County CSS plans
 - CSS Contract Amendments-coming in
 - CSS Implementation Progress Reports





Community Services & Supports: Status

CSS Plans

- CSS contract amendments (expansion funding)
 - Most up to date numbers of contract amendment requests will be included in DMH report
 - MHSOAC has been receiving copies of contract amendment requests and participating in reviews of these requests
 - Point of clarification- this is for initial 07/08 expansion requests; also for '07-08 one time augmentation
- CSS Implementation Progress Reports
 - DMH received all required reports; OAC has also received copies.

Final regulations at OAL for review





Community Services & Supports

Housing

- No guidelines; application only
- Applications (released August 2007)
 - Funds released "over-the-counter" whenever counties are ready to apply; no application deadlines
 - First housing application received.
- Review
 - DMH proposed review process includes comments from MHSOAC
 - CNMHC has provided recommendations to MHSOAC regarding areas in which to focus our review of housing applications





Housing (cont'd)

- Evaluation for Effectiveness
 - For tenants enrolled in FSP, outcomes reporting requirements are consistent with those established by DMH for individuals enrolled in the CSS category of the FSP
 - DMH and CMHDA working on finalizing outcomes reporting requirements for non-FSP tenants
 - May be a need for MHSOAC to consider additional outcome/evaluation/oversight role
- Project Oversight
 - Cal-HFA ongoing oversight, "housing aspects"
 - DMH, County mental health departments- Oversight and monitoring for quality control purposes





Housing (cont'd)

- On-going Implementation Workgroup
 - To ensure application process is accessible and effective



- To support existing projects as issues emerge
- With one application received, expect workgroup will be constituted soon. Details coming.

Regulations

 MHSA Housing Program emergency regulations are expected to be in effect 3/24/08



Innovation

Purpose

- Increase access to underserved groups,
- Increase the quality of services, including better outcomes
- Promote interagency collaboration
- Increase access to services

Funding

- Funding formula established by CMHDA and DMH; for local distribution amounts
- 5% of total funding for each county mental health program for CSS, PEI

Funds to date (Funding summary to follow)





Innovation (cont'd)

Programs (100% County administered programs)

- County submits plans
- OAC reviews; DMH provides comments
- OAC budget approval

Proposed Guidelines

- Guidelines are in the process of being developed
- DMH presented on this earlier in the agenda

Regulations

- Vehicles for translating statute into specific requirements
- Update to be provided by DMH





Prevention and Early Intervention

Purpose

- Prevent mental illnesses from becoming severe and disabling
- Emphasize improving timely access to services for underserved populations
- Outreach to recognize early signs
- Access and linkage
- Reduction in stigma
- Reduction in discrimination

Funding

- Funding formula established by CMHDA and DMH; for local distribution amounts
- 19% each year

Funds to date (Funding summary to follow)





Prevention and Early intervention cont-d

(more information coming)

State Administered Programs

- Suicide Prevention
- Suicide Prevention strategic plan
- Stigma & Discrimination Reduction
- Training/Capacity Building
- Ethnic & Cultural specific programs

County administered programs

- Guidelines, Review and Comment: DMH
- Budget Approval: OAC



\$.5m for 2 years

\$20m for 4 years

\$12m for 4 years

\$15m for 4 years





Prevention and Early Intervention (cont'd)

Proposed Guidelines – Released Regulations – Under development State-Administered Programs



 More about this issue during DMH Report and Government Partners meeting report at 10:30



State Administration

Purpose

Cover state costs of program administration

Funding Formula

- No funding formula for state-administered funds
- Maximum amount allowed is 5%
- Requests must be submitted through the state budget process (Budget Change Proposals and Spring Finance Letters)
- The State budget sets the limits within the total amount available
- The surplus returns to the general MHSA fund to be redistributed to components when no longer available for state expenditure
- Unbudgeted funds are returned at the end of the fiscal year
- Budgeted but unexpended funds are returned two years later

Funds to date (Funding summary to follow)





Local Planning

Purpose

- Funding to cover annual planning costs
- Includes funds to assist consumers, family members and other stakeholders to participate in the planning process

Funding

- Formula same as previously described
- Shall not exceed 5% of the total of annual revenues received for the Fund

Funds to date (Funding summary to follow) Programs

County administered plan development with intensive stakeholder input



Capital Facilities & Information Technology

Purpose

- First cycle only funding to build capital capacity, treatment/service facilities and program administration
- Funding for technology projects also provided

Funding

- Formula same as previous (CMHDA principles/DMH proposal; for local distribution amounts)
- 45% for 6 months, 10% for the next 3 years

Funds to date (Funding summary to follow)

Programs

- Facilities and technology needs identified to support CSS & PEI plans
- Could include Electronic Health Records





Capital Facilities & Information Technology (Cont'd)

Proposed Guidelines

To be released soon

Regulations

- Vehicles for translating statute into specific requirements
- Update to be provided by DMH



Workforce Education & Training

Purpose

 First cycle only funding to increase mental health workforce capacity for MHSA-related program expansion and for the total public community mental health workforce.



Funding

- Formula same as previous (CMHDA principles/DMH proposal; for local distribution amounts)
- 45% for 6 months, 10% for the next 3 years

Programs

Projects will support CSS & PEI plans



Workforce Education & Training (cont'd) Title of Slide

Proposed Guidelines

Guidelines have been out since July 2007



County Requests for Planning Funding

Report made earlier

Regulations

Same process as described earlier



MHSOAC Technical Resource Groups

Measure and Outcomes Technical Resource Group

- Evaluation Coordination Workgroup meeting took place January 22 2008
- A report about the outcome of this meeting and next steps for our Measurements and Outcomes Technical Resource Group will be provided at the February MHSOAC meeting

Cultural and Linguistic Competency Technical Resource Group

Report made yesterday



MHSOAC Technical Resource Groups (cont'd)

Client and Family Technical Resource Group

 Will begin meeting again with the hire of our second Mental Health Program Supervisor. More about that later



Mental Health Financing Technical Resource Group

- Was adopted at the June 2007 MHSOAC meeting
- Will begin meeting when staff have been hired to staff it (same as above)



MHSOAC Staff

- Beverly Whitcomb, Mental Health Program Administrator
- Cynthia Craft, Chief of Communications and Media Relations (contract)
- Deborah Lee, Consulting Psychologist (contract)
- Derrick Green, Mental Health Program Supervisor
- Gregory Griffin, Staff Mental Health Specialist
- Earl Green, Staff Mental Health Specialist
- Jose Oseguera, Staff Mental Health Specialist
- Marsha Tagawa, Staff Mental Health Specialist
- Ann Wangberg, Associate Mental Health Specialist
- Janna Lowder, Associate Mental Health Specialist





MHSOAC Staff (cont'd)

- Matthew Lieberman, Associate Mental Health Specialist
- Keely LeBas, Staff Services Analyst
- Danial Leahy, Office Technician
- Christina Call, Student Intern
- Gaogia Vang, Student Intern
- Richard Van Horn, unpaid staff volunteer
- Honorable mention: Theresa Ferrini





MHSOAC Staff (cont'd)

Status of Staff Hiring

- Interviews completed for remaining Mental Health Program Supervisor position
- Four Staff Mental Health Specialist vacancies
 - Two (2) in Plan Review
 - Two (2) in Policy and Outcomes
- One Office Technician vacancy
- One Staff Services Analyst vacancy in Communications unit





MHSOAC Staff Projects

MHSOAC Calendar for Upcoming MHSOAC Meetings



Draft Rules of Procedure for Commission Consideration

- MHSOAC does not have our own independent legal counsel yet
- Staff have begun work on the Draft Rules of Procedure





MHSOAC Staff Projects (Cont'd)

Communication Plan for Commission Consideration

- Joint project with all interested government partners and stakeholders and any interested MHSOAC commissioners -- completed
- MHSOAC Staff include Cynthia Craft, Matthew Lieberman, Gaogia Vang, Christina Call
- Commissioner Vega and Commissioner Henning have agreed to be lead commissioners for this project

New Commissioner Orientation

- Joint project with DMH, CIMH, local commission staff advisors, interested MHSOAC commissioners
- Took place January 23, 2007
- Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard putting these materials together, to all of our presenters, and to all of those who participated





MHSOAC Staff Projects (Cont'd)

MHSOAC Annual Calendar

- Aligns MHSOAC meetings with MHSOAC review and comment and budget approval duties
 - Preparation of budget and legislative materials
 - Annual reviews of the Commission's Workplan, Rules of Procedure and other Commission activities which take place yearly
 - The first draft of this document has been completed and will be used to discuss the Commission's meeting schedule, as well as at the upcoming MHSOAC Strategic Planning Meeting



